

## Letter from Alexander Melville Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, December 3, 1879

Boston, December 3rd, 79. (No envelope) My dear Al.,

I start for home at 6P. M. having signed memorandum of agreement, on the basis of a cash payment of \$25,000. and a second payment of the same amount in semi-annual instalments for which one half of the net rentals are reserved. The Nat. Bell Co. acquire on these terms three fourths of an interest. I am satisfied that this is as good an arrangement as could be expected. It gives me a great relief. Unless some unforeseen flaw prevents the ratification of this agreement. Let us hope that all will be right.

I hope you arrived in safety today and found Mabel, Elsie and all the rest well. I forgot to give you Mary Horne's cheque. I shall post it from home as soon as I arrive. My time is almost up. Love to all and kisses to Mabel and Elsie.

Your affectionate father, Alex. Melville Bell.